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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention is described below by way of example only and with reference to the following drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a graph illustrating the rate of uptake of Pd in a 6M hydrochloric acid solution by some examples of media according to the present invention;

Figure 2 is a graph illustrating the rate of uptake of Pd in a 6M hydrochloric acid solution by a media with limited hydrophilicity and also some examples of hydrophobic media not according to the present invention;

Figure 3 is a graph comparing the rate of uptake of Pd from 0.6M and 6M hydrochloric acid solution by one example of a medium according to the present invention;

Figure 4 is a graph comparing the rate of uptake of Pd from 0.6M and 6M hydrochloric acid solution by a further example of a medium according to the present invention;

Figure 5 is a chromatogram showing the separation of PGM in a mixed PGM solution using one of the media of Fig. 1;

Figure 6 is a chromatogram showing the separation of PGM in a mixed PGM solution using the medium of Fig. 4;

Figure 7 is a chromatogram showing the separation of PGM in a mixed PGM solution which also include Ag and Cu using the medium of Fig. 4, and;

Figure 8 shows the elution of substantially pure Pd using ammonia from the medium of Fig. 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please delete the paragraphs at page 9, line 18 through page 10, line 15.